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1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.

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2. SUMMARY. JUNE 18'S PEOPLE'S DAILY CONTAINED
ARTICLES CRITICIZING THE EMBASSY FOR VIOLATING

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INTERNATIONAL LAW BY PROVIDING REFUGE FOR FANG LIZHI AND HIS WIFE AND ACCUSING VOA AND THE US GOVERNMENT OF NEVER HAVING "GIVEN UP THEIR ATTEMPT TO OVERTURN CHINA'S SOCIALIST SYSTEM." THE BEIJING MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCED NEW REGULATIONS REQUIRING NEW EXIT PERMITS FOR ALL PRIVATE OVERSEAS TRAVEL; WITHOUT NEW EXIT PERMITS, CITIZENS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES TO APPLY FOR VISAS AND BORDER INSPECTION STATIONS WILL NOT ALLOW THEM TO EXIT CHINA. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THIS MEANS THAT ALL PRIVATE CHINESE CITIZENS RETURNING FROM OVERSEAS, INCLUDING STUDENTS, WILL NEED PERMISSION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AGAIN--EVEN THOUGH THEIR VISAS MIGHT STILL BE VALID. EIGHT PERSONS WHO "TOOK PART IN THE RECENT COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY RIOT IN BEIJING" HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH. TWO "RUFFIANS" REPORTEDLY FIRED AT SOLDIER AT THE XIZHIMEN FLYOVER AND WOUNDED ONE SOLDIER ON JUNE 17. ACCORDING TO TWO CHINESE ACADEMICS: THERE ARE ONLY A FEW CONFIRMED DEAD FROM UNIVERSITIES IN BEIJING; PRESIDENTS OF FOUR MAJOR BEIJING UNIVERSITIES REFUSED TO PARTICIPATE IN A PROPAGANDA CEREMONY HONORING MARTIAL LAW TROOPS; AND THE BIG LIE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN MAY BE TAKING EFFECT WITH THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE WITH

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THE EVENTS SURROUNDING THE JUNE 3/4 MASSACRE. END SUMMARY.

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3. MEDIA CRITICISM OF VOA, THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, THE EMBASSY, AND FANG LIZHI CONTINUE

PAGES TWO AND THREE OF JUNE 18'S PEOPLE'S DAILY CONTAINS ARTICLES CRITICIZING THE EMBASSY FOR VIOLATING INTERNATIONAL LAW BY PROVIDING REFUGE FOR FANG LIZHI AND HIS WIFE. THE STORY "EARNESTLY ADMONISHING THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND THE VOICE OF AMERICA" BY "CHINESE CITIZEN WANG MINZHI", ACCUSES VOA AND THE US GOVERNMENT OF NEVER HAVING "GIVEN UP THEIR ATTEMPT TO OVERTURN CHINA'S SOCIALIST SYSTEM." THE AUTHOR DRAWS COMPARISONS BETWEEN THE USE OF NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS AGAINST STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS IN THE 1950S, 1960S, AND 1970S AND CHINA'S SUPPRESSION OF A COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY REBELLION TO PROTECT THE MASSES OF PEOPLE AND STUDENTS. THE AUTHOR SAYS HANDING OVER FANG LIZHI AND HIS WIFE IS THE BEST COURSE, IS FOR AMERICA'S OWN GOOD, AND IS IN THE "LONG TERM INTERESTS OF BOTH THE CHINESE AND THE U.S. PEOPLES."

ANOTHER ARTICLE CHARGES VOA WITH CONTINUED

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RUMOR-MONGERING IN REPORTING THE TIANANMEN
"BLOODBATH". QUOTING VOA'S REPORT ON MARLIN
FITZWATER'S COMMENTS ON THE DEATH SENTENCE FOR THE
THREE CONVICTED OF BURNING THE TRAIN IN SHANGHAI,
PEOPLE'S DAILY SAYS "IT IS REALLY RIDICULOUS FOR VOA
AND THE WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN TO EQUATE BURNING
RAILWAY CARRIAGES AND MAIL TO APPLYING BASIC HUMAN
RIGHTS. IF U.S LAW RECOGNIZES THESE SAVAGE ACTS AS
BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, THEN YOU MAY WELL APPLY THEM IN
THE UNITED STATES, BUT THEY WILL NEVER BE ALLOWED IN
CHINA."

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4. NEW PSB EXIT PROCEDURES ISSUED

ON JUNE 17, THE BEIJING MUNICIPAL PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU ANNOUNCED NEW REGULATIONS REGARDING EXIT PERMITS. EFFECTIVE JUNE 17, PERSONS MUST OBTAIN NEW EXIT PERMITS FOR PRIVATE OVERSEAS TRAVEL. BEGINNING JUNE 20, ALL CITIZENS WHO WANT TO TRAVEL ABROAD FOR PRIVATE PURPOSES, WHOSE PASSPORTS WERE ISSUED PRIOR TO JUNE 20, MUST APPLY AT THE BEIJING PSB FOR NEW EXIT CARDS. WITHOUT A NEW EXIT PERMIT, CITIZENS WILL HAVE DIFFICULTY ENTERING FOREIGN EMBASSIES TO APPLY FOR VISAS, AND BORDER INSPECTION STATIONS WILL NOT ALLOW THEM TO EXIT CHINA. STUDENTS WHO HAVE RETURNED HOME TEMPORARILY MUST RETURN TO THE OFFICE THAT ORIGINALLY ISSUED THEIR EXIT PERMIT TO RECEIVE ANOTHER ONE.

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5. EIGHT PERSONS IN BEIJING SENTENCED TO DEATH

ALSO ON JUNE 17, EIGHT PERSONS WHO "TOOK PART IN THE RECENT COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY RIOT IN BEIJING" WERE SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR BURNING ARMY VEHICLES, ASSAULTING PLA SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS AND LOOTING MILITARY SUPPLIES. THE EIGHT WERE REPORTEDLY WORKERS, FARMERS, AND UNEMPLOYED PEOPLE, SOME OF WHICH HAD ONCE SERVED PRISON TERMS. APPEALS HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN

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LODGED WITH THE BEIJING SUPREME PEOPLE'S COURT.

6. CIVILIANS FIRE ON SOLDIER

TWO "RUFFIANS" REPORTEDLY FIRED AT SOLDIER AT THE XIZHIMEN FLYOVER AND WOUNDED ONE SOLDIER ON JUNE 17. REPORTEDLY WHEN ORDERED TO STOP AT A CHECK-POINT, THE TRUCK SPED UP CAUSING THE SOLDIER TO FIRE WARNING SHOTS. THE TWO "RUFFIANS" ON THE TRUCK SHOT AT THE SOLDIERS AND WOUNDED ONE IN THE HEAD AND THIGH. THE GUARDS RETURNED FIRE CAUSING THE TWO RUFFIANS TO JUMP OFF THE TRUCK AND FLEE. THE TRUCK WAS LATER HALTED BY SOLDIERS AND TWO SUSPECTS IN THE DRIVER'S CAB AND THE DRIVER WERE DETAINED AND ARE BEING INTERROGATED BY THE PSB.

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7. CHINESE ACADEMICIANS COMMENT ON CURRENT SITUATION

TWO BEIJING ACADEMICS IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF SAID THAT, BASED ON CONTACTS WITH FRIENDS FROM OTHER UNIVERSITIES, THERE ARE ONLY A FEW CONFIRMED DEAD FROM UNIVERSITIES IN BEIJING: THREE FROM BEIDA, FIVE FROM PEOPLE'S UNIVERSITY, THREE FROM BEIJING TEACHERS' COLLEGE, AND TWO FROM THE MOFERT BUSINESS UNIVERSITY. ONE OF THE DEAD STUDENTS FROM MOFERT IS REPORTEDLY THE SON OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE COUNCIL'S FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICE AT ZHONGNANHAI (WE HAVE HEARD THIS FROM OTHER SOURCES ALSO. THE OFFICIAL IN QUESTION WOULD BE QIAN YONGNIAN, FORMER CHINESE DCM IN WASHINGTON.) ACCORDING TO THE ACADEMICS, BECAUSE OF THE FATHER'S RELATIVELY HIGH POSITION, THIS STUDENT IS THE ONLY ONE TO HAVE HAD A FORMAL FUNERAL. ALTHOUGH NO FOREIGN AFFAIRS COLLEGE STUDENTS WERE KILLED, THREE RECEIVED BULLET WOUNDS.

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THE ACADEMICS SAID THAT THE MARTIAL LAW COMMAND REQUESTED THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PRESIDENTS OF BEIJING, PEOPLE'S, QINGHUA, AND BEIJING TEACHERS' UNIVERSITIES IN A WIDELY PUBLICIZED CEREMONY EXPRESSING SUPPORT TO MARTIAL LAW FORCES AND GRATITUDE FOR RESTORING ORDER. WHEN ALL FOUR DECLINED THE "INVITATION", CLAIMING TO BE SICK OR BUSY, THE MARTIAL LAW COMMAND SAID THAT SINCE EACH UNIVERSITY HAD FOUR OR FIVE VICE-PRESIDENTS, ONE SHOULD BE FREE TO ATTEND. IN THE END, EACH OF THE FOUR UNIVERSITIES WAS REPRESENTED BY A DEPUTY PARTY SECRETARY AND VICE PRESIDENT. AT BEIJING UNIVERSITY, FOR EXAMPLE, PRIOR TO JUNE 3 BOTH THE PARTY SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT HAD COME OUT IN SUPPORT OF THE STUDENTS PRIOR TO THE CRACKDOWN. BOTH WERE PROTESTING RECENT EVENTS BY KEEPING SILENT AND NOT PARTICIPATING IN PROPAGANDA EVENTS.

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THE ACADEMICS WERE CONCERNED THAT THE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN MAY BE HAVING SOME SUCCESS WITH PEOPLE OUTSIDE OF BEIJING WHO HAVE NO FIRST-HAND ACCOUNTS OF THE EVENTS OF JUNE 3/4. THEY BELIEVED THAT ATTEMPTS AT CHARACTER ASSASSINATION, SUCH AS THE LETTER ATTACKING STUDENT LEADER WANG DAN EARLIER THIS WEEK, MAY BE SUCCESSFUL WITH LESS SOPHISTICATED PEOPLE IN LINKING TOGETHER STUDENTS, CRIMINAL ELEMENTS, AND THE U.S. THE ACADEMICS BELIEVED THAT THE EFFORT TO TIE THE U.S. TO CRIMINAL ELEMENTS MAY BE PART OF A LONG-TERM POLICY INITIATIVE AND NOT MERELY IN REACTION
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TO THE IMMEDIATE FANG LIZHI CASE.

THE ACADEMICS DID SAY THAT ALTHOUGH THEY BELIEVE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ATTACK ON THE EMBASSY IS MINIMAL, GIVEN RECENT EVENTS AND ON-GOING HIGH LEVEL PARTY STRUGGLE, IT COULD NOT BE RULED OUT COMPLETELY. THEY

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PREDICTED THAT ANY ATTACK ON THE EMBASSY WOULD BE PRECEDED BY SEVERING RELATIONS, ELIMINATING THE "LEGAL" PROBLEM OF DIPLOMATIC PRIVILEGE. THEY NOTED THAT THE CURRENT OLD GUARD LEADERSHIP--CHEN YUN, YAO YILIN, LI XIANNIAN--WOULD CONSIDER SEVERING RELATIONS WITH ONE COUNTRY, THE U.S., A CALCULATED STEP WITHIN THE REALM OF POSSIBILITY. IN THE SHORT TERM CHINA WOULD STILL HAVE RELATIONS WITH EUROPE AND JAPAN AND THE U.S. WOULD EVENTUALLY COME AROUND.

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THE ACADEMICS BELIEVE THAT STUDENT LEADER WUER KAIXI IS PROBABLY STILL AT LARGE. ACCORDING TO THEM, LATE ON JUNE 3, WUER, ANTICIPATING A MAJOR MILITARY PUSH ON TIANANMEN, LEFT THE SQUARE FOR THE UNIVERSITY AREA TO GATHER REINFORCEMENTS. RETURNING WITH SOME 300 STUDENTS, HE COLLAPSED (FROM FATIGUE OR ILLNESS, BUT HE WAS NOT WOUNDED) ON THE WAY BACK, BEFORE THEY REACHED XIDAN. HE WAS TAKEN AWAY TO A HOSPITAL. THE 300 STUDENTS CONTINUED ON, ONLY REACHING XIDAN WHERE THEY RAN INTO HEAVY FIGHTING BETWEEN TROOPS AND CIVILIANS. THE THREE BEIJING TEACHERS' UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WERE KILLED AT XIDAN TRYING TO REACH THE SQUARE. THERE WAS NO FURTHER WORD ON WUER.

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8. PAP AND PLA PATROLS IN CITY CONTINUE

THE INCREASED PAP AND PLAINCLOTHES PRESENCE CONTINUES

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AROUND THE DIPLOMATIC COMPOUNDS. THERE ARE TROOPS
STATIONED AT INTERSECTIONS OF CHANGAN JIE AND DONGDAN,
XIDAN, AND THROUGHOUT TIANANMEN SQUARE INCLUDING IN
THE REVIEWING STANDS ON EACH SIDE OF THE GATE.
FUNERAL WREATHS AT SITES WHERE MARTYRED SOLDIERS WERE
KILLED REMAIN AND THERE IS A PLA PROPAGANDA TRUCK AT
XIDAN. HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO CROWDS AS THE PEOPLE
IGNORE THESE HEAVY HANDED MEASURES. LARGE
CONCENTRATIONS OF TROOPS REMAIN AT THE BEIJING
EXHIBITION CENTER AND CAPITAL GYMNASIUM.

9. MORE ON EUROPEAN ACTIVITIES

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THE BRITISH, FRENCH AND WEST GERMAN EMBASSIES TOLD US
THAT THEY, TOO, HAD RECEIVED CRITICISM FROM NATIONALS
ABOUT THE WAY THE EVACUATION OF THEIR CITIZENS WAS

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HANDLED. THE EC MET AS A GROUP LATE AFTERNOON JUNE 17
TO DISCUSS A COMMON POSITION ON PROTESTING THE CURRENT
CHINESE INTERNAL SITUATION. THE BRITISH TOLD US THAT
THEIR DEPENDENTS WILL BE COMING BACK TO BEIJING O/A
JUNE 21 .

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